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There seems to have been some past confusion re claim 27 in previous prosecution by applicants. By preliminary amendment, claims 11-26 were previously cancelled (as noted in amendment section) on March 29, 2001 leaving claims 1-10 in prosecution. In the Office Action of May 28, 2002 (Paper No. 4), the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-10. In the amendment dated October 28, 2002, applicant's attorney amended claim 1 and added "new" claims 11 and 12.

In the Office Action of November 21, 2002 (Paper No. 6), the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 27 and 28 (the Examiner renumbered submitted new claims 11 and 12 as 27 and 28). An appeal was then filed, where, in claim 27 (b), a mistaken temperature "...500° to about 7500P" is recited; where obviously "...500° to about 750°F" was meant. Thus, applicants have used the language of the October 28, 2002 amendment here.

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 27-28 are amended. Claims 1-10 and 27-28 remain in the application. Claim 27 was allowed. Claims 5-10 have been amended to depend on independent claims 27. Confusion as to temperature has been attended to in amended claims 1 and 28, so that 35 U.S.C. 112 should be satisfied and all claims should be allowable. Additionally, in claim 27 step (b), a bottom dash "_" somehow part of the claim has been deleted by double brackets [[_]].

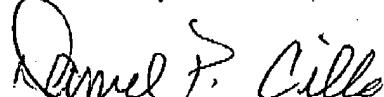
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BEST AVAILABLE COPYConclusion

Applicants believe all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of amended claims 1-3, 5-10 and 27-28 and original claim 4. Claim 27 is allowed, applicants only added "wt"%. Applicants believe mistakes as to temperature found in the Appeal Brief have not been carried forward, but if the Examiner finds some additional errors applicants will readily review such suggestions.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner would like to suggest changes of a formal nature to place this application in better condition for allowance, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

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